



Date: July 23, 2013

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager
From: Marvin G. Williams, Director of Public Works
Subject: Agenda Item – Mini Assessment Roll for Sewer Main on East Cornwallis Road

Executive Summary

The City Council, at its meeting on November 5, 2012, held a public hearing regarding the assessment of a sewer main on East Cornwallis Road. The assessment roll was confirmed with the exception of the proposed assessments against two properties, due to objection to the assessments by the owner, Jerome Ramsey. The public hearing for those assessments was continued for further consideration. An additional objection was received after confirmation of the assessment roll for the property of U.D.I. Community Development Corp. Council action is required to confirm or relieve the said assessments.

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends that City Council conduct a public hearing and receive public comments and confirm the sewer main assessments against the properties of Jerome Ramsey and U.D.I. Community Development Corp. in the original amounts in accordance with policy as shown on the attached mini roll.

Background

Jerome Ramsey objected to the proposed assessments against his two properties, described as 1604 E. Cornwallis Road, PIN 0729-02-97-9394 and 1602 E. Cornwallis Road, PIN 0729-02-97-9498. The properties have benefitted from the sewer main and do not meet any of the criteria for relief established by the Assessment Relief Policy for sewer main assessments. Therefore, it is recommended that the assessments be confirmed in the original amounts.

After confirmation of the assessment roll, U.D.I. Community Development Corp. objected to the assessment against its property, described as 4601 Industry Lane, PIN 0729-02-97-7530. This property has benefitted from the sewer main and does not meet any of the criteria for relief established by the Assessment Relief Policy for sewer main assessments. Therefore, it is recommended that the assessment be reconsidered and confirmed in the original amount.

Issues and Analysis:

Section 77 of the Charter of the City of Durham dictates that City Council hold a public hearing before final confirmation of the mini assessment roll.

Alternatives:

There is not an alternative per the City Charter.

Financial Impacts:

Once the public hearing is held, the City can proceed with collecting payment for any assessments confirmed by City Council.

SBDE Summary:

The SDBE Summary is not applicable to this item.